

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia SC 29211

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Board Members Present

Mary Addison Blackstone, P.T., Chair
Lori McMillan, P.T., Vice-Chair
Mollie Barrow, P.T., Member
Hunter Bowie, P.T., Member
Anna M. Dilts, P.T., Member
Greg Forlini, P.T., Member
Matthew Judd Warren, P.T.A., Member
Rachel Wiggins, P.T., Member

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel
Emily Butzer, Board Assistant

Also Present

Erin Baldwin, General Counsel
Serrena Swartz, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Selina Ruffins, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Eric Kao, Hypnosis Presentation

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Call to Order

Ms. Blackstone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to approve the January 10, 2019, meeting minutes - no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Motion: In open session, Ms. Baldwin made a request to reorder the cases chronologically within the disciplinary category. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to move agenda item #8 after agenda item #6. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Ms. Swartz, Office of Investigations & Enforcement, presented the statistical report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

IRC Recommendations

Ms. Swartz presented the IRC report to the Board. There are six (6) cases for approval; Case 2018-7, 2018-10, 2018-14 and 2018-21 recommended as formal complaints, Case 2018-14 recommended for dismissal, and Case 2018-19 recommended for letter of caution.

In open session, Ms. Wiggins made a motion to accept the recommendations of the IRC. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report, seven (7) open cases.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, presented the financial report.

Memorandums of Agreement:

Case 2015-1: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Alex Imgrund, Esq. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the case to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motions was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [10:48 a.m.—11:31 a.m.]

Motion: In open session, Ms. McMillan made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Dixon and place the license on probationary status for a minimum of six (6) months. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2017-12: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Robert Sansbury, Esq. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the case to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motions was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [12:12 p.m.—12:44 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue a non-disciplinary letter of caution to respondent's license. The motion was seconded and approved.

Case 2018-11: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the case to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motions was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [1:12 p.m.—1:36 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Cutler, with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Requests to take the NPTE for the 3rd and FINAL time

Hendrika Cummings: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Cummings should be granted approval to take the NPTE a third and final time.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to grant Ms. Cummings approval to take the NPTE for the third and final attempt. The motion was seconded and approved.

Amanda Goralczyk: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Goralczyk should be granted approval to take the NPTE a third and final time.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Ms. Goralczyk approval to take the NPTE for the third and final attempt. The motion was seconded and approved.

Tyra Pugh: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Pugh should be granted approval to take the NPTE a third and final time.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Forlini made a motion to grant Ms. Pugh approval to take the NPTE for the third and final attempt. The motion was seconded and approved.

Initial Applications:

Tonya Pittman: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Pittman is eligible to sit for the NPTE. Ms. Pittman made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [2:01 p.m.—2:20 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion that Ms. Pittman does meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the NPTE. The motion was seconded and approved.

Carrie Klingensmith: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Klingensmith should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Ms. Klingensmith made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [2:50 p.m.—2:57 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue Ms. Klingensmith a provisional license to practice as a physical therapist assistant with the conditions set forth by the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Deepa Patel: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Patel should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Patel made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to issue Ms. Patel a provisional license to practice as a physical therapist to gain one thousand (1000) supervisory hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Aldo Mendoza: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Mendoza should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Mendoza made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [3:13 p.m.—3:33 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to defer action until such time as Mr. Mendoza completes the requirements set forth in Section 40-45-220, specifically statement 2, and to approve Mr. Mendoza to sit for the exam a third time. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ana Amponin: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Amponin should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Amponin did not make a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue Ms. Amponin a provisional license to practice as a physical therapist to gain one thousand (1000) supervisory hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Leslie Swan: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Swan should be granted a license as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Ms. Swan made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to close the proceedings to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Ms. Swan a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Marshall Yount: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Yount should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Yount did not make a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to defer action on Mr. Yount's application to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Obinna Ezeamurunamma: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Ezeamurunamma should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Ezeamurunamma made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to issue Mr. Ezeamurunamma a provisional license to practice as a physical therapist to gain one thousand (1000) supervisory hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Stephen Foti: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Foti should be granted a license as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Mr. Foti made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to grant Mr. Foti a license to practice as a physical therapist in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Reinstatement Applications:

Harrison Barnett: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Barnett should be reinstated as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Barnett made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [4:23 p.m.—4:30 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to approve reinstatement of Mr. Barnett's license with caution to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Anna Brooks: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Brooks should be reinstated as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Brooks made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Bowie recused himself from this proceeding.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Warren made a motion to close the proceedings to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue Ms. Brooks a provisional license to practice as a physical therapist to gain one thousand (1000), but give credit for seventy-five (75) % of the supervised practice hours that have already been completed. That would require completion of four hundred (400) more supervised hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Debbie Prince: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Prince should be reinstated as a physical therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Prince made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to issue Ms. Prince a provisional license to practice as a physical therapist to gain one thousand (1000) supervisory hours and complete 75 continuing education hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

Renewal Applications:

Mitchell Greene: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Greene's license should be renewed to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Greene made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Harrison Saunders, Esq.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to renew Mr. Greene's license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Brandon Holland: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Mr. Holland's license should be renewed to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. Mr. Holland made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dilts made a motion to close the proceedings to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to renew Mr. Holland's license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

a. Medical Hypnosis:

Mr. Eric Kao made a presentation to the Board on Medical Hypnosis.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [6:06 p.m.—6:25 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Bowie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion that relaxation techniques are in the scope of practice for physical therapists. The motion was seconded and approved.

b. Update on Disciplinary Guidelines:

Deferred until July 11, 2019

c. CE Broker Audit:

Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, updated the Board on a CE Broker Audit. The report was accepted as information.

d. Exam Eligibility:

The Board discussed Exam Eligibility.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [6:38 p.m.—6:45 p.m.]

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

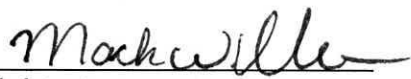
e. Legislative Update:

Mr. Russell, Esq., updated the Board on pending legislation.

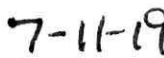
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Ms. Barrow made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Administrator



Date